



IN **UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**
(RA001C11)

Re Application of:

FARMWALD ET AL.

Serial No: **09/669,295**

Filed: **SEPTEMBER 25, 2000**

Title: **METHOD OF OPERATION OF A MEMORY CONTROLLER**

Art Unit: **2181**

Examiner: **G. Auve**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
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| | | | | Large Entity | Small Entity |
| Number of Claims In Excess of 20 | 40 | 26 | 14 | \$ 18.00 | \$ 9.00 |
| Independent Claims In Excess of 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | \$ 80.00 | \$ 40.00 |
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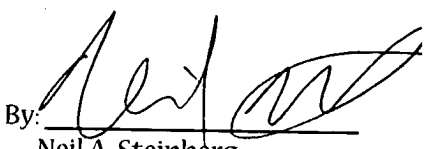
☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0998 in the amount of \$432.00 to cover the above fees. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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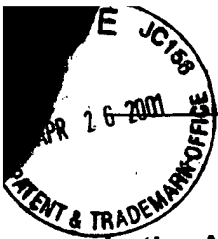
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1. Transmittal (1 page + 1 copy thereof)
2. Amendment (22 pages + 16 page attachments)
3. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages + PTO1449
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I hereby certify that the attached **1)** Transmittal (1 page + 1 copy thereof);
2) Amendment (22 pages + 16 page attachments); **3)** Information Disclosure Statement
(2 pages and + 1 page PTO-1449 + references cited therein) is/are being deposited with
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submitted herewith is a modified Form PTO-1449, including a copy of all of the documents listed therein. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), authorization to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-0998 for the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

Some of the documents listed in the PTO-1449 have been cited by a defendant in an action pending in U.S. District Court For Eastern District of Virginia case, namely in Rambus Inc. v. Infineon Technologies A.G., et al., as prior art against the inventions claimed in, among other patents, U.S. 6,032,214. The '214 patent is a grandparent of the instant application. Explicit reference to these documents is made on pages 2-4 of the Defendants' AMENDED PRIOR ART NOTICE PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §282 (hereinafter "PRIOR ART NOTICE"). A copy of the PRIOR ART NOTICE is enclosed herewith.

Furthermore, the construction or interpretation of a number of terms have recently been considered in a *Markman* opinion issued in the

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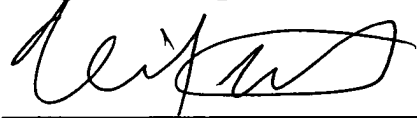
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above-mentioned litigation. A number of claims pending in the instant application incorporate or incorporated some of these terms including, for example, the terms "block size", "read request", "write request", and "bus". The terms "read request" and "write request" are no longer found in the pending claims (as amended). The term "bus" has been deleted from some of the pending claims (as amended). A discussion of "block size" may be found on pages 41-47 of the *Markman* opinion, and a discussion of "bus" may be found on pages 17-41 of the *Markman* opinion. By submission of this *Markman* opinion, Applicants make no statement as to the correctness of the constructions set forth therein. Indeed, as is apparent from that opinion, the court substantially adopted the constructions proposed by Infineon, and not that construction proposed by Rambus. A copy of the *Markman* opinion is also enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration formally of record with the next Office Action.

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